



PATENT APPLICATION
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In re Patent Application of:

Group Art Unit: 3612

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Examiner: Kiran B. Patel

Serial No.: 10/777,180

Filed: February 13, 2004

For: DEPLOYABLE RIGID SYSTEM FOR
CRASH ENERGY MANAGEMENT

INTERVIEW SUMMARY RECORD

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This filing with memorialize the telephone interview between the undersigned and Examiner Patel on August 8, 2005. The Notice of Allowability for the application states that claims 1-9 and 29-36 are allowed. Yet the accompanying Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance states that claims 6 and 32 were withdrawn from further consideration as directed to a non-elected species. Applicants' representative contacted Examiner Patel by telephone to clarify the status of claims 6 and 32. Examiner Patel advised that he had rejoined claims 6 and 32 into the application.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 29, 2005

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE


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Dear Sir:

With respect to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance for the allowed claims as set forth in Notice of Allowability dated July 15, 2005, Applicant agrees with the Examiner that the pending claims are allowable over the prior art. However, the pending claims recite a combination of features, and patentability of these claims reside in those combinations. As such, there may be additional basis for patentability beyond those specifically identified by the Examiner.

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